(b) what is the total production of textiles from the Textile Mills in Bombay for the last three years and how does it compare with that of pre-strike production of 1982, January;

(c) what is the Govt.'s programme for phasing out redundant, dilapidated and the inefficient textile mills, in Bombay; and

(d) how many mills have sought permission for closure and what are their names?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Prior to the strike period i.e. 1982 there were 54 Cotton Man-made Fibre Textile Mills in Bombay of which 7 Mills were lying closed (as on end December '81). As on 31-5-93, there were 54 Cotton/Man-made Fibre Textile Mills of which 7 were lying closed though all the closed mills prior to 1982 and as on 31-5-93 were not the same except one unit.

(b) A statement is attached (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Government does not have any programme of phasing out any mill of the private sector. The competent authority for granting permission of closing down of the mill is State Government.

Statement

Production of Textiles (Yarn and Cloth) in Bombay during the last 3 years and during pre-strike period

Item	Last three years			Pre-strike period	%change during 1992-93
	90-91	91-92	92-93	80-81	
Yarn (Mn. Kg.)	149.8	155.0	157.8	196.7	(—)19.8
Cloth (Mn. Linear MTRs)	726.0	705.3	665.2	1268.0	(—)42.5

A comparison of the production data of yarn and cloth by Textile Mills during two different periods shows that the production of yarn and cloth during 1992-93 in mills in Bombay has declined significantly

Aid to west bengal government for revival of sick Textile Mills

3829. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to provide 15 crores Aid to West Bengal Government for revival of 12 sick textile mills;

(b) if so, whether the same thing will be applied to other States as well in the matter of re-opening of sick textile mills; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) In a meeting held on 10th June, 1993, the requirements of additional working capital for the mills under NTC (WBAB&O) Ltd. for six months had been assessed at Rs. 11.00 crores, out of which a sum of Rs. 6.40 crores and 400 bales of cotton worth Rs. 25 lakhs have already been released by NTC (HC) Ltd.

(b) and (c) NTC(HC) Ltd. releases funds to its Subsidiary Corporations in accordance with their requirements depending upon availability.

Co-operation sought by Swedish businessmen in export of textiles

3830. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swedish businessmen have recently told the Indian

Companies to co-operate with them in exporting Textiles and Garments in value added form to avoid quota restrictions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response of the Indian Companies in the Matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) Ministry of Textiles have no information on the reported advice of Swedish businessmen to Indian Companies. Further, exports of Textiles and Garments from India to Sweden are not subject to any quota restrictions.

Man-days Lost in Textile Industry

3831. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many man-days were lost in the textile industry due to labour strikes in the year 1992-93; and

(b) what were the reasons of each strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Man-days lost due to strikes in the textile industry (cotton, textiles, wool, silk & synthetic textiles, jute hemp & mesta textiles, textile products) in 1992 was 10.64 million (provisional) and in 1993 (January to May) was 0.54 million (provisional).

(b) The main reasons for these strikes were wages and allowances, bonus, personnel retrenchment, indiscipline and violence, etc.

जनता कपड़े की घटती मांग

3832. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव**: क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जनता कपड़े की मांग कम होती जा रही है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) 1991-92 तथा 1992-93 के वर्षों के दौरान जनता कपड़े की कितनी मांग थी तथा उक्त अवधि के दौरान इसकी कितनी आपूर्ति की गई ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) जनता कपड़े का उत्पादन ऐसे कपड़े की मांग के अनुरूप किया जाता है। वर्ष 1991-92 और 1992-93 के दौरान वितरित किये गये जनता कपड़े की मात्रा क्रमश: 401.89 मिलियन वर्ग मीटर और 341.07 (अनुमानित) मिलियन वर्ग मीटर थी।

Setting up of jute goods export support fund by Bangladesh

3833. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has set-up a jute goods export support fund;

(b) if so, what are the implications involved in so far as country's jute goods exports are concerned; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to move in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) It is understood that no firm decision has been taken as yet by the Government of Bangladesh to set up a fund to compensate for losses incurred on export of jute